Keep Our Sewers Fat-Free!



For Restaurant and Building Owners

To keep your grease separation device working correctly, make sure it is properly:

- Designed—it should be correctly sized and manufactured for your facility's waste
- Installed—the device must be well-vented, level, etc.
- Maintained—clean and service the trap or interceptor frequently.

Remember, never put solids into your grease trap or interceptor and keep records of all maintenance!

For More Information

Contact the Industrial Pretreatment section at (336) 883-3090 with any questions you may have.

You can also visit the Water Environment Federation's web site at www.wef.org for more general information on FOG.

No FOG, No Clog!

What Is FOG? Why Is FOG a Problem?

F.O.G. stands for Fats, Oils, and Grease. FOG comes from:

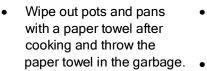
- Meat
- Lard
- Vegetable oils
- Shortening
- Butter or margarine
- Food scraps
- Baked goods
- Dairy products
- Sauces

When fats, oils, and grease get into the sewer system, they stick to the inside of pipes. Over time, FOG will build up in the pipe and create a blockage. Here are some possible results of a FOG clog:

- Raw sewage overflowing into your home, yard, or street
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms, including E. coli and Giardia¹.
- Expensive clean-up procedures
- Increased sewer bills due to higher operation and maintenance costs to the sewer department
- Damage to the environment, including algae blooms and fish kills

What Can You Do to Help?

GOOD IDEAS



- Scrape grease and food scraps into a can or jar, then throw it in the garbage when it's full.
- Put a strainer in the sink drain to catch food scraps, then throw the scraps in the garbage.
- Spread the word! Speak to your friends and neighbors about FOG.

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- Never pour grease or food scraps down the sink or into the toilet.
- Don't think a garbage disposal will get rid of FOG—disposals just move grease down the line and spread the problem!
- Don't rely on detergents that claim to dissolve grease. These products will also spread FOG through the sewer lines.



The best way to keep FOG from creating an overflow is to not let it get into the sewer in the first place!